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MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY ANNOUNCED OCT 26 THAT SWEDEN WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN SPACELAB PART OF SHUTTLE PROGRAM, BUT INSTEAD WILL INVEST ABOUT SKR. 20 MILLION (\$4.8 MILLION) OVER EIGHT-YEAR PERIOD IN DEVELOPMENT OF FRENCH-INITIATED EUROPEAN CARRIER ROCKET, L3S. REASON FOR SWEDEN'S DECISION IS REPORTEDLY EXPECTATION OF RECEIVING CONTRACTS FOR SWEDISH FIRMS, NOTABLY SAAB-SCANIA AND VOLVO FLYGMOTOR. SWEDISH SPACE SCIENTISTS HAVE EXPRESSED REGRET OVER GOS DECISION, WHICH MEANS THAT SWEDEN WILL BE ONLY MEMBER OF ESRO NOT PARTICIPATING IN SPACELAB. AIRGRAM ON SWEDISH SPACE PROGRAM FOLLOWS.

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